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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A dispenser, the dispenser having a dispenser head and a container containing spray material, the dispenser being formed such that the container can be detached from the dispenser head and refilled and/or replaced when the spray material is exhausted;

the dispenser having solenoid valve means substantially enclosed in a substantially metallic locking cover means, the valve means being arranged to substantially facilitate movement of the spray material from the container to the dispenser head, and the cover means being arranged to intensify a magnetic field which, when the dispenser is in use, facilitates opening and closing of the valve means; wherein the cover means comprises a first part and a second part, and wherein these two parts can lock with respect to one another;

the dispenser being formed such that it can be set so the valve means opens and closes automatically and periodically to release a flow of spray material from the container to the dispenser head such that spray material is released as a spray to an atmosphere outside of the dispenser.

2. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means.

3. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

4. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and comprising electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means.

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5. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and comprising electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means, wherein the electronic means is powered by the power source.

6. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises an aerosol can.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the first and second parts can be subsequently released from one another when desired.

9. (Currently Amended) A dispenser according to claim 1, ~~wherein the cover means comprises a first part and a second part, and wherein these two parts can lock with respect to one another, and~~ wherein the first part comprises a hooked portion and the second part comprises an indented portion, the hooked and indented portions being complimentary to one another such that the hooked portion can engage the indented portion to lock the cover means.

10. (Currently Amended) A dispenser according to claim 1, ~~wherein the cover means comprises a first part and a second part, and wherein these two parts can lock with respect to one another, and~~ wherein the first part comprises a hooked portion and the second part comprises an indented portion, the hooked and indented portions being complimentary to one another such that the hooked portion can engage the indented portion to lock the cover means, and wherein the first part of the cover means can be clicked into engagement with the second part of the cover means.

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11. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a spray nozzle arranged to cause the spray material to form a spray as it leaves the dispenser.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A dispenser, the dispenser having a dispenser head and a container containing spray material, the dispenser being formed such that the container can be detached from the dispenser head and refilled and/or replaced when the spray material is exhausted;

the dispenser having a solenoid valve means substantially enclosed in a substantially metallic locking cover means, the dispenser having a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and the dispenser having electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means;

the locking cover means having a hooked portion and an indented portion complimentary to one another such that the hooked portion can engage the indented portion to lock the cover means, the valve means being arranged to substantially facilitate movement of the spray material from the container to the spray head, and the cover means being arranged to intensify a magnetic field which, when the dispenser is in use, facilitates opening and closing of the valve means;

the dispenser being formed such that it can be set so the valve means opens and closes automatically and periodically to release a flow of spray material from the container to the spray head such that spray material is released as a spray to an atmosphere outside of the dispenser.

14. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

15. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the container comprises an aerosol can.